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Gadowski boosts Oilmen's Bonspiel record to five out of past six

By VICKI BROOKER

Review Staff

Leonard Gadowski was a bit apprehensive going into his sixth-in-a-row Elk Point Oilmen's Bonspiel Grand Challenge. His Shamrock Valley Enterprises rink was going up against Jeff Latos' BJ Tool Services foursome, the rink that dealt him his only loss in that six years.

Shamrock was first on the scoreboard with a single in the first end, but BJ blanked the second and pulled ahead in the third with a deuce. Gadowski's gang came back with three in the fourth, before Latos and his rink edged ahead with one in the fifth and two in the sixth. Gadowski added two with a showy angle raise in the seventh end, for a one-point margin coming home, but the final end kept fans on the edge of their seats until the final rock, when Latos slid his final rock past the Shamrock marker, giving Gadowski the win by roughly a three-inch margin.

Third Norm Hempel, second Richard Smyl and lead Curtis Porcina shared Gadowski's winning team effort.

Shamrock ousted E-Can Oilfield Services in the 'A' semi-finals, while BJ defeated CCS Landfill in the semi-final round.

In the 'B' event for the Tarsands Steam Cleaning trophies, Harvey Dutchak led the Midfield Services rink past BMW #3 in the semis, while Lyle Duhaime's Trican rink swept Pyramid Corporation out of the running. Midfield went on to defeat Trican in seven ends in the final.

The BMW Monarch-sponsored 'C' final saw former area resident Troy Lorensen and his TTL Consulting rink, fresh from a semi-final victory over Got to Go Trucking, taking on St. Paul's X-treme Oilfield Technology, skipped by Darrel Kuzma, who had defeated R & M Energy Systems. TTL took home the "C" trophies.

The Dudley Consulting/In Line rink skipped by Lorel Lerovzic won over BMW #2 in the semi-finals to advance to the 'D' final over Bob Clarke and the Gibson Energy rink, who won over CCS Midstream in the semis, with Dudley/In Line taking home the B & R Eckels trophies.

The first four rinks to be knocked out of competition had their names in the hat for the Highway Event prizes, Joe Halbach's NOV Tuboscope foursome winning the draw for fish cameras sponsored by CCS over B & R Eckels, S & T Mobile Wash and Weatherford BMW Elk Point.

Ron Ballas drew right to the pin to win a patio heater from Gibsons in the Draw to the Button competition, with Wayne Muir of Noralta and Yvon Fontaine of Champion Technologies tied for second.

A total of 32 rinks took part in the bonspiel, which started Thursday morning with Town of Elk Point Coun. Dwayne Yaremkevich throwing the ceremonial first rock.



Vicki Brooker photo

It was Shamrocks straight across the board Sunday night as Leonard Gadowski accepted the Shamrock Valley Enterprises trophy from Donna Slywka after his Shamrock Valley rink, including Norm Hempel, Richard Smyl and Curtis Porcina, after their win over BJ Tool Services rink-mates Jeff Latos, Shane Freeson, Trent Cherry and Trevor Gilby in the Grand Challenge event at the 26th Annual Elk Point Oilmen's Bonspiel. More bonspiel winners, Page 12.

Town to support school liaison program

By VICKI BROOKER

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A comprehensive outline of the benefits of the Family School Liaison Worker Program (FSLW) offered by St. Paul Education Regional Division No. 1 last Monday night was enough to convince Elk Point town council to help fund the program for another year.

Counselling coordinator Bridget Noel and school board chairman Darrell Youngmans thanked the town for their support last year.

Prevention, remedial counselling and intervention and crisis services all come

under Noel's jurisdiction, with agency support from Mental Health, the RCMP, Aspen Health, AADAC, psychologists, municipalities, CFSA, Parent Link and AEIL.

The FSLW program provides a majority of SPERD's counselling services and is funded by the Tri-Partite Student Health Initiative Partnership, the Vegreville Student Health Initiative Partnership, local municipalities and SPERD. Last year, the Town of Elk Point contributed \$10,000, which was used to support the FSLW salary for Elk Point schools.

Additional supports come from the Alberta School Boards Association and the

Community Partnership Enhancement fund. Most grants can be used for programming expenses, and not for the salaries of staff necessary to implement the programming.

Noel says today's students go to school "with backpacks full of issues from their personal lives at home," issues ranging from abuse, neglect, separation and grief to hunger, neglect and insecurity, and receive help from counselors such as Elaine Ziomek, who has been providing counselling to students in Elk Point for over 10 years. Ziomek divides each school day between Elk Point Elementary School and F. G. Miller High School.

The FSLW provides students with one-on-one and group counselling, but also provides support to the families of students, and to the teaching and support staff. Noel says they are often the first point of contact for students who are in need of support, and are well educated about the support services that are available in their own and surrounding communities, so they can make referrals for students and their families as required.

Quoting the African proverb, "It takes a village to raise a child," Noel adds that "it takes us all working together to raise happy, healthy kids."

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Town plans open house at Allied Arts Centre

By Vicki Brooker
Review Staff

Elk Point residents will soon have the opportunity to learn about the town's plans for future projects, to study the municipality's 2009 operating budget and to attend a public hearing as well as one of council's regular meetings, when the Town of Elk Point hosts an open house at the new Regional Allied Arts Centre on Monday, Feb. 23.

Mayor Parrish Tung and his council, along with town manager Myron Goyan, the economic development committee and chamber of commerce will all be there to discuss projects and priorities ranging from downtown beautification to 24/7 water supply, in an informal setting as they chat with the residents during the first part of the function. Then the residents can see council in action as they deal with a rezoning hearing and take part in their regular council meeting.

The public hearing comes from a request to rezone four lots on the east side of 51 St. south of 51 Ave, from C1 Central Commercial to R2 Medium Density Residential, that rezoning bylaw having passed first reading at last Monday's regular council meeting.

Economic Development coordinator Bob Bezpalko said he is preparing folders containing pertinent information to pass on to real estate agents and potential community investors.

Organizes of the Riverland Adventure Challenge, coming up May 30, have chosen the River Park as this year's starting point, and Bezpalko suggested the park's access road could be bladed clear of snow so it would dry out faster, and also because some people might want to access

the park on Family Day. He also noted that the park still needs signage, tables and possibly flags.

Planning is underway for Family Day events, including a wiener roast at the Iron Horse Trail staging area and public skating at the arena.

Bezpalko is researching a company he heard about on a radio program, which recycles cardboard and paper into paper, and is looking for communities that want to participate in the project.

Bezpalko asked for input for an upcoming Iron Horse Trail strategy meeting he would attend on the town's behalf. Mayor Tung suggested he would attend on the town's behalf. Mayor Tung suggested he would attend on the town's behalf. Mayor Tung suggested he would attend on the town's behalf.

When Bezpalko talked about updated promotional literature, Coun. Dick Millar had a suggestion for him in regard to the historical mural. He felt interpretive plaques in front of each panel would be a distinct asset, and asked Bezpalko to look into the possibility.

Mayor Tung suggested that copies of the photos Bezpalko has prepared for the Alberta's Lakeland trade show booth could also be displayed at Fort George and Buckingham House and at Whitney Lakes Provincial Park to promote the community.

Another way to promote the community would be through the World's Largest Icon program, and council agreed to be part of this.

After further discussion of the information provided at the previous meeting by ATCO Water, council agreed to ask ATCO for a proposal.

Goyan advised council that he was preparing applications for the Canada Infrastructure grants. He also reported that information had been received indicating that the gasoline tax rebate program has been extended for another four years.

Attendance up at Further Ed

By Vicki Brooker
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Elk Point and District Further Education coordinator Verona Lea Flanders reported a healthy increase in attendance at the 2008 courses, when she met with the Further Education Council last week.

A total of 33 general interest courses, along with 12 sessions on community issues and two employment-related first aid courses were offered during the year, with 305 individuals, including 94 seniors, in the general interest courses, up from 296 registrants the previous year. The big climb in attendance was in the community issues sessions, with 954 attendees, up from 690 in 2007, this number including the school groups who attended the anti-bullying and motivational sessions funded in part by grants from Further Ed.

In the general interest area, Flanders said the make-and-take courses were very popular, and several daytime courses were offered, with good response.

In addition to the courses, Further Ed provided funding for the purchase of self-help materials for the Elk Point Municipal Library and the two school libraries, with funding going to Elk Point Elementary School's library for the first time. Further Ed also sponsored part of the seniors' riverboat tour coordinated by the County of St. Paul FCSS.

One local course had far-reaching effects, with the Spanish language instructor donating his course fees to a school in his homeland for their literacy program.

"We're trying to get people into the building," Flanders said, noting that the Further Ed hosts the local garden group and Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) as well as the daytime quilters, volunteers who gather weekly to assemble and stitch quilts for charities, and who completed 102 quilts in 2008.

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Town to support FSLW program

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In turn, communities benefit from the FSLW program, because students learn the skills they need to develop into healthy citizens of their community. They are given healthy alternatives to such negative activities as vandalism and substance use. A key link between families and community supports also results in more efficient service delivery.

The FSLW program

came into SPERD's jurisdiction in January 2008, and was previously under the County of St. Paul's umbrella. From January to June last year, 51 FGM students had 240 contacts with Ziomek, while 23 EPE students had 289 contacts, along with 163 group contacts. From September to December, the statistics for FGM were 32 students and 157 contacts, and for EPE, 28 students and 119 contacts.

Schools in Ashmont, Mallaig, Myrnam, Two Hills and St. Paul also have FSLW services, ranging from .4 to 1.0 FTE. The two Ashmont schools, along with Glen Avon and Racette in St. Paul, also have success coaches provided by Alberta Health and Wellness in a three-year program. F. G. Miller, along

with Ashmont Secondary, Glen Avon, Mallaig, New Myrnam, Racette, Regional and Two Hills, have part-time access to teacher counsellors, whose salary comes from the school board budget, as is a PAUSE Program facilitator in Ashmont and Heinsburg to assist suspended or at-risk students.

Youngmans told council that SPERD's mandate keeps expanding, but without corresponding increases in funding for the additional programs. Although he admits, "I'm a three-Rs guy, and you front-line workers (Mayor Parrish Tung and Coun. Bernice Capjack, who are both teachers) would know the benefits better than I do," he feels that funding the program "is a long-term investment in our kids."

When council discussed

the funding issue later in their meeting, support for the program was unanimous.

"I think Elaine does an incredible job," Coun. Mark Gormley said, "I agree with (contributing to funding) 100 per cent. It's too valuable not to do it."

Coun. Capjack agreed that "it's definitely worth it," a sentiment echoed by Coun. Dick Millar.

"It's a lot of money but it's worth it," Coun. Dwayne Yaremkevich affirmed, before making the motion to support the program with another \$10,000 this year.

"It's hard to find someone that kids trust," Mayor Tung commented, noting, "If you don't think kids have problems, think again."

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Ian Huffman named '09 Oilman of the Year

By VICKI BROOKER
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Longtime Elk Point Oilmen's Association member Ian Huffman was named the 2009 Oilman of the Year at the 26th Annual Oilmen's Bonspiel banquet on Saturday night, where two other longtime members received life memberships.

Leonard Gadowski introduced Huffman, who started his oil industry career in 1977 on the drilling rigs. He joined Pan Canadian in Calgary in 1979 and was transferred to Elk Point in 1985 "to help get the grease out of the ground."

Huffman's years in Elk Point saw him involved not

only with the Oilmen, where he worked on the annual bonspiel and golf tournaments as well as the executive, but also with the Community Advisory Policing Committee, the Fort George - Buckingham House Advisory Board, Boy Scouts, Curling Club, minor ball and Junior Achievement.

Since leaving Elk Point, he and wife Diane have lived in Drumheller and Black Diamond, where he continues to be active in community events. Since 1998, Huffman has worked for Fluor Engineering, where he has helped to build refineries, tarsands

operations and upgraderr. Huffman, who had seen the list of previous Oilmen of the Year, said he was "very proud to be with these guys. These guys were a power source for the organization." To former winners Armand Houle and Al Pankiw, he offered thanks "for the tireless effort you put in."

Through tough times and good, the EPOA "have weathered it. We have these things going on, and can get together. Twenty-six years - that's pretty substantial. The commitment this organization and its people have is the best anywhere," Huffman said. He has been



The 2009 Elk Point Oilman of the Year, Ian Huffman, accepted his golden pumpjack from 2009 Bonspiel chairman Tim Smereka at Saturday's bonspiel banquet



Ken Ference (left) presented lifetime memberships in the Elk Point Oilmen's Association to Doug Callbeck and Al Pankiw.

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P.A.R.T.Y. in planning stage

By VICKI BROOKER
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A group of Elk Point teens will soon be invited to a party with a difference. This one is P.A.R.T.Y., the acronym for Prevent Alcohol and Risk Related Trauma in Youth, and a partnership made up of representatives of Elk Point Community Advisory Policing Committee, F. G. Miller High School, Elk Point Healthcare Centre, Elk Point RCMP and volunteer fire department, AADAC, Yewchin's Funeral Home and St. Paul and Region Victim Services met last week to get plans underway.

Some of those involved have first-hand knowledge about P.A.R.T.Y., having attended one or more of these sessions in St. Paul, and others are slated to attend one there this week to gain new insight into the program and the valuable information it offers teens.

Films and speakers will be part of the program, but the real impact will reach the students as they peer inside an ambulance, see the firefighters' Jaws of Life in action, spend time in the healthcare centre's trauma room and take a peek inside the morgue, and discover what happens after a body reaches a funeral home. They may even hear a personal account from an accident survivor.

The newly formed committee is planning two P.A.R.T.Y. sessions, one each in April and May, and may do more in the fall, so another group of local students and others from outlying schools can also discover where risky behaviour can take them.

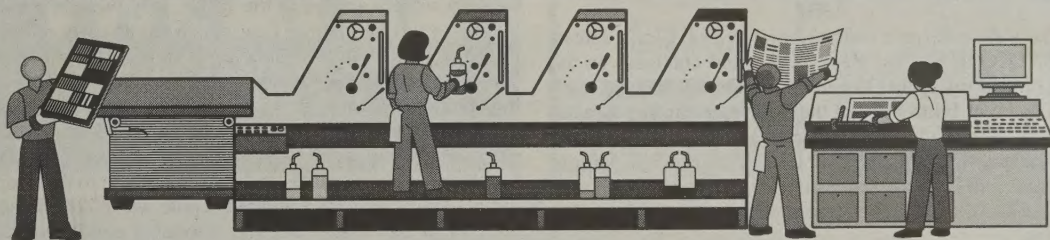
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EDITORIAL

New aspect of shopping local

There's an uproar this week about President Barack Obama's decision to have America use its own products before sending outside its borders to fill its needs. What is that but shopping local, on a nation-wide scale?

It's what we've been preaching here at home, so it's hard to fault them for doing the same thing: buy what you can in your own community, and what you can't, buy as close to home as you can.

On a national level, that would mean that when America can't find what they need within their borders, from natural gas to pharmaceuticals to sugar (which tops the list of fastest-growing exports to the US), they will come here for it, rather than looking farther afield.

It is only logical, especially given the current economic situation, to shop at home, to use what you have, rather than to send money out of the country for those very same products. Shopping locally, as we all know, keeps your own economy afloat.

Maybe Canada, and Canadians, should follow suit.

WAY BACK WHEN....

Garbage woes, grand challenge, St. George's gold

HERE'S THE NEWS THAT MADE THE HEADLINES OF THE LAKELAND REVIEW AND THE ELK POINT REVIEW FOR THE WEEK OF FEB. 3 IN...

1989

Elk Point town council took a Monday blizzard as the signal to implement their new winter garbage policy of front-street pickup only, but Tuesday brought word that the garbage truck had broken down and collection would not take place until Friday. Dave Broda won the Progressive Conservative nomination for Beaver River on the fifth ballot, with Donna Dahmer, whose husband John had died days after being elected as the first-ever Beaver River MP, losing out on the fourth ballot.

1994

The Vulcan Electric rink, skipped by Don Clark, defeated NALCO to win the Heavy Oil grand challenge in the 11th Annual Elk Point Oilmen's Bonspiel. The league-leading Elk Point Elks defeated the Sask-Alta Hockey League All-stars 9 to 6, with Layne Gauchier, with two goals and four assists, winning the Player of the Game award, Murray Scoggins and Dwayne Karbaszewski adding two each and, Kelly Harms, Cory Laboucane and Terry Wozniak adding singles.

1999

The Lakeland Regional Health Authority board spared long term and active care hospital beds as they cut more than \$4.6 million from their budget over three years before submitting a deficit budget. A Bonnyville rink skipped by Irven Courts won the Elk Point Men's Open Bonspiel over a local rink skipped by Sheldon Ballas.

2004

St. George's Masonic Lodge celebrated their 50th anniversary, with Mayor Lyle Frisby presenting Worshipful Master Dennis Heney with a gift from the town "and best wishes for the next 50."

MLA Ray Danyluk heard a range of concerns from constituents on everything from policing and Iron Horse Trail legislation to the BSE crisis when he hosted a capacity crowd at a breakfast meeting in his St. Paul constituency office.

GROUNDHOG DAY 2009



GUEST COLUMN

Winter or spring?

Yesterday, Feb. 2, was Groundhog Day. What was the Groundhog forecast? Is spring around the corner or will we have six more weeks of winter?

Tradition states that one must observe a groundhog's burrow on this day. If the groundhog emerges and fails to see its shadow because the weather is cloudy, winter will soon end; however, if the groundhog sees its shadow because the weather is bright and clear, it will be frightened and run back into its hole, and the winter will continue for six more weeks.

So, what is the origin of Groundhog Day? When German settlers arrived in the 1700s, they brought a tradition known as Candlemas Day, which has an early origin in the pagan celebration of Imbolc. It came at the mid-point between the Winter Solstice and the Spring Equinox. Superstition held that if the weather was fair, the second half of winter would be stormy and cold. For the early Christians in Europe, it was the custom on Candlemas Day for clergy to bless candles and distribute them to the people in the dark of winter. A lighted candle was placed in each window of the home. The day's weather continued to be important. If the sun came out Feb. 2, halfway between winter and spring, it meant six more weeks of wintry weather.

The tradition of Groundhog Day originated in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania on Feb. 2, 1887. Although the date is often referred to as one of the four quarter days of the year (the midpoints between the spring and fall equinoxes and the summer and winter solstice), it is in fact one of the cross-quarter days. Indeed, bright clear weather

in a North American winter is often associated with very cold temperatures.

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In western countries, the official first day of spring is approximately six weeks after Groundhog Day; six weeks plus four days (March 20), to be exact. In fact, about 1,000 years ago, before the adoption of the Gregorian calendar and because the day of the equinox drifted while using the Julian calendar, the spring equinox fell on March 16. This is exactly six weeks after February 2. Assuming that the equinox marked the first day of spring in certain medieval cultures, as it does now in western countries, Groundhog Day occurred exactly six weeks before spring. Therefore, if the groundhog saw his shadow on Groundhog Day there would be six more weeks of winter. If he didn't, there would be 42 more days of winter. In other words, the Groundhog Day/Hedgehog Day tradition may have begun as a bit of folk humor.

Folk humor or not, it is a fun day to note in the middle of winter. So to all the groundhogs we know - Punxsutawney Phil, General Beauregard Lee in suburban Atlanta, Georgia, Wiarton Willie, Shubenacadie Sam in Nova Scotia and Balzac Billy in Balzac, Alberta, we thank you for making us smile in the middle of the winter days of our lives.

So "Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Hear Ye!" The groundhog did say one of the following:

"As I look around me, a bright sky I see, and a shadow beside me. Six more weeks of winter it will be!" or ... "As I look around me, a cloudy sky I see. Six more weeks till spring it will be!"

So there you go everyone. What will be will be. Thank you, groundhog, for reminding us it will take six more weeks to make a change.

Our final question: How often is the groundhog prediction correct? One hundred per cent of the time, of course! Yes, it is going to be either or - winter or spring will be with us!

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Bright spray-on colours were added to imaginative snow sculptures created by enthusiastic young artists at the Christian Community Church winter carnival.

Snow fun at Winter Carnival

BY VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Snow, spray bottles, spoons and marshmallows all added up to fun for more than two dozen youngsters last Thursday at the Christian Community Church, as they sculpted snow into fantastic creatures, coloured the results with sprays of coloured water, warmed up around a roaring bonfire and took part in a spoon-and-marshmallow relay in the parking lot before heading indoors to warm up with hot dogs and hot chocolate.

A number of parents and other volunteers also enjoyed the activities at the Winter Carnival.



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Leanne and Rocky Pankiw started off the New Year with the arrival of Marcus Rocky on Jan. 1 at the Bonnyville Health Centre. Agnes Moroziuk, on behalf of the Elk Point Healthcare Centre Ladies Auxiliary, presented the family with a gift for the first 2009 arrival from the Elk Point area. Marcus weighed in at 7 lbs., 12 oz.

Vicki Brooker photo



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For those able to travel to the services at Pierceland and support us as we laid them to rest, please know that your presence helped us through those two most difficult days. All of your caring thoughts and deeds will be an inspiration to us as we do the same for others in times of need. Thank you and God Bless.

Sharyl & Cliff Baumgardner, Callie, Mike & Kaja Volf, Carrie & Todd Rawlance.

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Elk Point RCMP responded to a shooting on the Fishing Lake Metis Settlement on Feb. 1, at about 2 a.m. On Feb. 2, at about 2 p.m. Marina Smith turned herself in to the Elk Point RCMP detachment.

Two females had been arguing during the evening of Jan. 31 when one female left the scene and later returned with a firearm, early Feb. 1, according to an Elk Point RCMP press release.

"The armed female shot at occupants of the residence multiple times, striking one female victim," explains the release. The armed female then fled the scene.

Witnesses called 911 and the victim was treated with non-life threatening injuries. She is considered to be in stable condition in an area hospital.

There were children inside the residence at the time of the shooting, according to RCMP, but "None of the children were

injured during the shooting."

A warrant for arrest had been issued for Marina Smith of Frog Lake. Smith has been charged with two counts of attempted murder with a firearm.

Smith was considered to be armed and dangerous and RCMP recommended the public not approach her. A photo of Smith was released to the media, but by Monday afternoon, the suspect had turned herself in to police without incident.

Female charged in armed robbery

BY STAFF WRITERS

A female suspect has been identified in regards to two alleged car thefts involving the use of a firearm along Hwy 897 on New Years Eve, at about 11:40 p.m., near Frog Lake.

Elk Point RCMP have released the name of a female suspect in regards to the matter.

"A warrant for arrest has been issued for Wanita Rae Waskawitch, age 30 of Onion Lake, Sask.," according to an Elk Point RCMP Press release. Waskawitch is described as being an Aboriginal female, standing 5'5" and weighing about 160 lbs. Waskawitch is known to live in Onion Lake, but she also has ties to North

Battleford and Lloydminster.

The female has been charged with eight Criminal Code charges including robbery with a firearm, pointing a firearm, and assault causing bodily harm. The investigation into the incident found that the suspect had assisted another suspect. The suspect is a yet to be identified male, according to RCMP.

Police are asking the public for assistance in locating Waskawitch, and identifying the additional male suspect. Any information can be given to Elk Point RCMP at (780) 724-3829, Kitscoty RCMP at (780) 846-2897, or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

Attendance up at Further Ed

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Flanders has some ideas to encourage even more participation in the future, and plans promotions including a draw for course registrants, who could win their course fees back, a questionnaire on the fall course guide or at Information Night

which could be entered to win a free course, and selling gift certificates which could be redeemed for courses.

The new course lineup for January through June is now underway, with two make-and-take courses last week and the ongoing Paper Play Days and

Quilt 'Til You Wilt off to a good start for the new year. Flanders noted an error in the dates for the garden group in the program guide, with the correct dates being March 10, April 14, May 12 and June 9 for this popular green-thumb get-together.

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Atom, Bantam Avs win first Provincials round

It was a long walk for me on Saturday into the A.G. Ross Arena. The parking lot was so full for the Micro Novice tournament that I almost had to park at my buddy Marshall Myshaniuk's place.

Parents and grandparents all packing the stands for the big Indy 500, also known as the micro novice tourney, but sometimes it resembles bumper cars out there. Some parents were taping it for the future laughs when these guys get a little older.

Wolke Cueva and Dylan Ference scored in their first game against Lloydminster, Jace Stafford made some spectacular sprawling saves. Lots of scoring in the second game, the squad with a big win over Two Hills, Keaton Hawryluk, Wolke Cueva and Dylan Ference all scoring hat tricks, Devon Nazarchuk with two and scoring his first two goals ever was Cole Bendixen as well as waving to his proud grandparents in the crowd every time he hit the ice.

Another awesome job by all the coaches and parents in putting on the tournament, especially when for some of these parents their first taste of hockey.

And how about a big thanks to "Kyle the caretaker." He's been doing a super job this year keeping the ice in shape.

A great week for two of our provincial teams, the **Atom Avalanche** and **Bantam Avalanche**, the Atoms winning the two game series over Mallaig. After winning first game in Mallaig last weekend, they returned here Friday night, the Avalanche sent them packing 10 to 6. Brodin "the Flying Ference" and Dylan "the Big O" Odgaard splitting the markers with five goals each.

On Thursday night the Atoms Avs traveled to Pierceland for a league game, winning this one 13 to 7. "Flying Ference" with seven goals, the "Big O" with four and Austin "Ozzy" Stafford with two more.

Then on Sunday the Atoms were in trouble early, down 5 to 1 in the first 20 minutes, then bounced back, winning this one 7 to 5. "Flying Ference" with four goals, the "Big O" and his brother Brodie "Little Bro" Odgaard with one each and scoring her first

goal of the season, hard working two-way player Chansie Botting

On Friday after the Atom game the Bantam Avalanche lost a close league game to Cold Lake, Trevor "the Kid" Ballas, Michael "Bulldozer" and Jamie "Fuzzy" Wozniak scoring and Decoda Maddex and Jared Vallee assisting. Saturday night was a big provincial game

for our Bantam Avs, who just sneaked by Lac La Biche 6 to 5, "Fuzzy" with two goals, Jared Vallee and "the Kid" each assisting, "Dan the Man" Garrett, Dayton Mercedi, Dakota "Doc" Amyotte and "the Kid" getting the other markers, Decoda Maddex, Dayton, Jared, "the Kid," and "the Doc" with the helpers. On Sunday the boys headed to Lac La Biche and came home with a 7-2 victory (sorry - scoring details not available) after an awesome game, to move on to the next round of competition against Bruderheim.

Peewee Avalanche coaches Dave Nazarchuk and John Quinney were as proud as could be of their boys who played in St. Paul on Sunday, winning 9 to 6 against the same team who had defeated them 21 to 1 only a few short weeks ago. Terrance Gadwa scoring his first goal ever, Davis "Hippie" Desjarlais was on a tear, lighting it up five times, Jaredd McGilery with one, Colin "Naz Jr." with one and a couple of assists, Rylan "Brutus" Buffalo with two assists, Nathan "Pitbull" Yarmuch and MacKenzie "King" Roberts also on the score sheet with assists. Between the pipes and doing an excellent job of keeping the rubber out was Han-Lo "Taco" Pitteljon.

Strong games for the newly appointed assisted captain Katie Maennchen and Kaitlyn Roberts when the **Midget Girls Storm** played Smoky Lake at home on Thursday night and in Viking on Saturday.

And now for the K.A. Campbell quote of the week. "Hockey is our bread and butter. You're going to think twice before you let another fellow take it away from you." Last week's answer to: "I don't think he knew squat about hockey." - Wayne Gretzky, on Peter Pocklington.

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Elk Point Micro Novice Tornadoes, along with coach Dave Nazarchuk (right) and his assistants, Christoph Ludlage and Tyson Hawryluk, hosted an excellent six-team tournament on Saturday, with other teams coming from Lloydminster, Two Hills, Dewberry, Marwayne and Wabasca to take part.



Surprise guest

Former Edmonton Oiler Cory Cross joined a surprised Elk Point Bantam Avalanche at last Tuesday's practice, and stayed around to sign autographs. The Lloydminster-born left wing defenseman also visited with the Atom Avs, the Girls Storm and the adult men's league during his stop in Elk Point.

Donna Ockerman photos



Tim Smereka presented the Tarsands Steam Cleaning trophies to Midfield Supply rinkmates (l-r) Harvey Dutchak, Don Mudryk, Wayne Mudryk and Doug Nelson, who won over Trican's (front, l-r) Lyle Duhaime, Arnie Lund, Corwin Block and Murray Tluchak in the 'B' Event.



Tim Smereka presented the BMW Monarch trophies to TLL Consulting's Troy Lorenson, Sheldon Ballas, Greg Desaulniers and Henry Desaulniers, who stood in for Jason Jenner in their 'C' final win over (front, l-r) Darrel Kuzma, George Neuman, Brad Popik and Dan Bojarski.

Tim Smereka presented the B & R Eckels trophies to Dudley Consulting /InLine curlers (l-r) Lorel Lerovzic, Darwin Botting, Brad Telford and Dale Botting after their 'D' event win over (front, l-r) Bob Clarke, James Shackleton, Fred Pendleton and Terry Walker.

Vicki Brooker photos



Highway event winners from the NOV Tuboscope rink accepted their prizes from Tim Smereka.